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ABDUCTION OF CHILDREN FROM HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of abduction of children from Government hospitals are on the rise ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the children abducted during the last three years, hospital-wise;

(c) whether staff of the aforesaid hospitals have also been found involved in it;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against them; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e): It is for the respective State Governments to take all necessary steps to prevent such incidence in the State owned hospitals. In Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, no incident of abduction of children has been reported during the last three years.

However, the following steps are adopted in the above mentioned hospitals to prevent the abduction of children from hospitals:-

- The baby and its external genital area is shown to the mother immediately following delivery before cutting the cord.

- Hand badges and chest badges indicating the names of the mother, father, MRD Number, date and time of the delivery, sex, ward number is fixed on the baby.

- Sex of the baby is confirmed by the Obstetrician and Paediatricician and foot print of the baby is taken. Simultaneously, entry is made in the labour register and transfer register.

- On discharge from hospital, baby`s discharge slip is checked by the security guard before allowing the baby to be taken out of the ward. Entry is made in the labour register and transfer register.